

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BALANCED NEWS, FEARSLESS VIEWS

Aussie deer loves to eat rice, adobo

By Joanne Lee Balos, Singapore Southern Express

LEGASPI CITY—IF PHILIPPINE movies has a "bad boy" in actor Robin Padilla, a farm in Occidental Samar, Camarines Sur, has a "bad boy" of its own—a deer that smokes like a farm house and steals the food of its caretakers.

Bad Boy is one of the three deer that stand out among the more than 300 deer at the farm, mostly because of their unique personalities and characteristics.

Bade from Bad Boy, then, are Budykay Jr. and Manayay.

Budykay Jr. is the son of the original bad boy deceased.

AUSIE-AN

USA deer from Dave Under are thriving in a government-owned farm in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Occidental Samar. The deer farm operates 1 PM with 60 head of deer from Australia. Nine there are over 100 of deer.

GMA: Hike workers pay

Summer
storm cuts
across
Visayas

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION designated as "Yolke" shied across central Philippines yesterday with peak winds of 46 kph, causing flooding and forcing 62 people to flee their homes in Cebu City.

Ambo, which developed from a low pressure area east of Iloilo, was located 130 km west of Davao City yesterday, according to a bulletin issued at 5 p.m. by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

Ambo was expected to be in the vicinity of Puerto Princesa City this afternoon and hit over the South China Sea 400 km west northwest of the Palawan capital, Corororo.

In Cebu City, Gandaog barangay councilor Dino Padua said that floods caused by Ambo's rains started to rise at about 4 a.m. yesterday. At least 62 people in 12 families fled to

SUMMER-AN

Wage boards ordered to determine increases



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2 LIBEL CHARGES

Gov't revives suit vs Cruz; Abalos drops case vs PDI

By Lela B. Salaverria and Kristine L. Alave

A STATEMENT HE MADE nearly four years ago has come back to haunt Archbishop Oscar Cruz, a known critic of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Justice Secretary Rod Gozalva yesterday ordered the filing of libel charges against the Roman Catholic prelate over his 2004 statement that Senate members of the Philippines

Association and Gaming Commission (Pagcor) "were made to act as nothing more than paid cronies" during a party for President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel "Mito" Arroyo.

The Manila City Prosecutor's office previously dismissed the complaint filed by the Pagcor.

GOV'T REVENUE

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Malacañang turns down emergency powers

By Norman Bordadora, Christine O. Avendaño and Noriel W. Domingo

A NEOPHYTE LAWMAKER yesterday filed a resolution calling on Congress to grant emergency powers to President Macapagal-Arroyo to address the rice crisis "in the most efficient and judicious manner."

However, Trade Secretary Peter B. Datta and several lawmakers said there was no need for emergency powers at this time.

Last night, Malacañang rejected emergency powers for the President, saying the government can deal with the rice problem without such powers.

La Union Rep. Thomas Dumolip, a member of Mr. Arroyo's cabinet in Malaya, Philippines (Kaseki) said the price of rice reaching its highest level in decades, and the unrest that it may bring as among the reasons the President should be given extraordinary powers.

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MALACAÑANG-AN

By Christine O. Avendaño and Beverly T. Matibida

AS THE PRICES OF FUEL, RICE AND OTHER BASIC goods and services continued to rise, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said she wanted the minimum wages across the country raised.

Speaking at the Nooki Torres manufacturing plant in Cebu, Legaspi, the President ordered the regional tripartite wage boards to convene to determine wage increases for workers in the private sector.

"Because of the increasing prices of fuel and rice, we are calling for a meeting of the regional tripartite boards all over the country to discuss how they can help the workers cope," Mr. Arroyo said.

Inflation rose 6.4 percent in March, the highest since August 2006, further eroding the peso's purchasing power.

State employees are also expected to get a pay increase.

The President will grant national government employees a 10-percent increase in their basic pay, according to Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya.

Andaya said Friday the President would issue by May 1 an executive order granting state employees the pay increase starting July 1.

Andaya said the government would spend P12.05 billion for the adjustment of salaries of government employees.

The last time minimum wage workers in Metro Manila got an increase was in August last year when the regional wage board granted them a P12 adjustment.

OPINION-AN

No 'holiday economics' on May 1, says Palace

By Christine O. Avendaño

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY made it clear that Labor Day, a regular nonworking holiday, will be celebrated as usual on May 1, which falls on a Thursday.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bantay said this was in accordance with Proclamation No. 1463, which President Macapagal-Arroyo issued last Feb. 18, where he declared the regular holidays and special (nonworking) days.

NO HOLIDAY-AN

Here comes the 'yellow pan de sal'

By Tessa R. Salazar

A NEW RECIPE CAN STILL keep the price of pan de sal down while giving it a more appetizing color and packing it with Vitamin A, according to nutrition experts.

That is, if Filipino bakers and their customers are willing to try an unusual ingredient: The

honeybees (apamb).

The Food and Nutrition Research Institute yesterday presented the "yellow pan de sal," a roll made from dough that is "35-percent squash puree" instead of 100-percent wheat flour.

The PNRI unveiled this latest reinvention of the traditional



YOUNG MAN can keep cheap if mixed with squash puree.

LIFE-AN



Free food line getting longer even in S'pore

SINGAPORE—RISING food prices are driving more people in Singapore, the wealthiest economy in Southeast Asia, to join the queue for free meals, charities said Monday.

Thirty percent more people are turning up daily to fill their stomachs at the Singapore Red Cross Lodge, which serves free vegetarian meals, the temple's president Lee Shook Guan said.

During weekends the figure is even higher, when about

FREE FOOD-AN

WB: Doubling of food prices leaves 100M poor poorer

WASHINGTON—A DOUBLING of food prices over the past three years could push 100 million people in poorer developing countries further into poverty and government must step in to tackle the issue, World

bank president Robert Zoellick said on Sunday.

"Based on a rough analysis, we estimate that a doubling of food prices over the last three years could potentially push 300 million people in low-

income countries deeper into poverty," Zoellick said in a statement at the end of the World Bank spring meeting here.

"This is not just a question about short-term needs, as in-

portant as those are. This is about ensuring that future generations don't pay a price too high."

Calling on governments to begin tackling the issue, Zoellick said: "We have to put our

money where our mouth is now so that we can put food into hungry mouths. It's as stark as that."

On the eve of the meetings, Zoellick had said the crisis

WB: DOUBLED-AN

GMA stays put at Customs until smuggle raps are filed

By Christine D. Arellano and Margaux C. Ordo

SMUGGLING RICE IS NOT A problem for the President, but smuggling is.

After telling the National Bureau of Investigation on Friday to focus on the bordering and not on smuggling, President Macapagal-Arroyo urged Customs officials to pursue completing charges against an importer of rice.

Procs of rice and flour have dwindled because of tight global supplies.

The President's current plan is the Bureau of Customs in the Port Area in Manila to pay heavy to search personnel prepare smuggling charges against an importer of rice.

He was supposed to only do a rice check of some 30 crates on one leaving P250 million worth of flour that Customs officials asked for lack of documents from the Bureau of Food and Drug (BFD).

He also ended up entering Customs after Macapagal-Arroyo said he officials that the national case filed against Manila International Inc., its 50-50 joint venture, Eurochem, and various companies who imported the importation.

In Manila, he was the only, Mr. Arroyo stayed at the BOC of Manila to search personnel prepare smuggling charges against the importer and the customs companies.

Arriving at 4:45 p.m. at the



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo looks over the shoulder of Customs lawyer Wilfredo Llanera who showed her the list of suspected flour smugglers in the Customs database.

BOC, the President, proceeded to where some of the customs cases bearing bags of flour were spread for her inspection.

The asked Macapagal about the case from the BOC was filing, Mr. Arroyo turned to explain, she was watching saying that she wanted the case to be filed immediately.

Invited

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Customs that took her to the BOC, apparently arrested. She left the area along with Macapagal and Justice Secretary Pura Feria.

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right then and there and that she would watch him do it. "I will watch you work on it," the President told Llanera, then she did along with Macapagal and Macapagal in Llanera's office.

As Llanera walked on his laptop, the President sat at his table, pointing on her laptop screen to read what the lawyer was writing down. After Llanera was done, Mr. Arroyo and two party went to another wing of the building, this time to the floor where The Group

given office, where she also watched Llanera then prepare the case against the importer.

Smiling

The President left the premises shortly before 6 p.m. last night, smiling, saying that she would be already preparing the case. "See you in the PDA tomorrow," she also repeated. By the time, his lawyer was smiling.

On Friday, the President moved to the BOC for looking on the smuggling. She told the BOC that she was smuggling should not be the concern of the agency because it was imported and from Manila, said, "The issue is how to bring the country from where the flour is the source."

Macapagal said she was the Customs officials who are not to be charged with import of duty and dependent on the promoter was present. The importer will be charged with national smuggling.

Macapagal said the source of the flour would be given a chance to explain before the agency finally decided and with the agreement to the public. He said the confidential source from the office starting all matter against the flour from China on the entry of imported flour.

"I was told about someone smuggling of flour to use pure during a meeting with Trade Secretary Pura Feria and officials of the Flour Association of the Philippines. So I started on efforts to intercept these cases," he said.

Biofuel production 'a crime against humanity'—UN exec

GENEVA—BIOFUEL PRODUCTION is broadly a 'crime against humanity' because of its impact on global food prices, a UN official said Monday on Tuesday.

Producing biofuels today is a crime against humanity," UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food Juan E. Dreyer told

the United Nations today.

Living on the land to produce crops for biofuels has reduced the surface available to grow food, many observers warn.

Dreyer called on the International Monetary Fund to change its policies on agricultural subsidies and to stop supporting only profitable crops.

Agreed that biofuels should be subsidized in regions where it is needed for survival or local production.

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in Africa — where they are offered as one half or one third of their (production) price," the UN official charged.

"That completely ruins African agriculture," he added.

In addition, international market speculation on food commodities must cease," Dreyer said.

In an interview with the French press last night, Dreyer, who visited the world bank, he warned the world bank should "rethink a very long period of time" and reduce prices of commodities originating from biofuels and price increases.

In several meetings, Dreyer said, he has been asked whether prices in Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia,

Haiti, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mauritania, the Philippines and other countries.

In Pakistan and Thailand, crop prices have risen so much that it is difficult to afford the situation of food from India and elsewhere, while price increases have a general strike in Bolivia. AFP

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MANILA—A 30-grain serving could already provide 24 percent of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of Vitamin E and 16 percent of the daily energy requirement of a child aged 7 to 8, the agency said.

If properly processed, the squash-replaced pan de sal can be made produced from pathogenic microorganisms such as E. coli and salmonella. Under suitable processing conditions, it can have a shelf life of up to three days.

IFDA, an agency under the DOH, completed its study of squash-replaced pan de sal last year. It has since piloted the sale of the new bread through a bakery in Cebu.

The new bread is made from a mixture of 30 grains and 30 percent of the RDA of Vitamin E, making it

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A painful reality

THE GLOBAL FOOD SITUATION IS GOING TO GET worse before it gets any better. Just the other day, IMF managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn warned that if food prices remained high, there would be eat and other dire consequences for people in many developing countries.

Last Thursday John Holmes, United Nations undersecretary general for humanitarian affairs, said rising food prices could cause worldwide turmoil and global political instability. The food problem has caused widespread anger over rising food prices that spiked days of deadly protests and looting in some countries.

Also last week, World Bank president Robert Zoellick warned that 33 countries were at risk of social unrest because of the rising price of food.

Food price increases of more than 40 percent this year have helped trigger riots and protests in countries like Egypt, Uzbekistan and Ivory Coast. In February, rice and food price increases in Cameroon led 40 people dead. In the Philippines, people are lining up under the scorching sun to buy up to three liters of 90% rice which is about 40-50 percent cheaper than the commercial variety.

The recent global food crisis has become a painful reality. The most palpable aspect of the food crisis is the shortage of readily high world prices of food, the staple food for about three billion people, or approximately half of the world's population.

What has caused the current rice shortage? First, the rate of population growth has outstripped the rate of growth in food production in some developing regions, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Second, less rice is being planted in some countries as farmers have moved to other crops such as oilseeds and cash crops. It is considered as other uses such as bioethanol, maida and more.

Third, water shortage poses a problem in rice fields. It is being critically an issue. A study by the International Water Management Institute suggests that by 2020 one-third of Asia's population could face a water shortage.

Fourth, droughts, pest infestations, the spread of plant diseases and other creeping disasters drastically reduce rice production.

Fifth, rising consumption in emerging countries has increased demand on the global cereal supply.

Sixth, the expanding bio-fuel industry has caused the conversion of croplands to corn and other crops that are sources of bio-fuel.

Seventh, the growth of the middle class in China and India has increased the demand for meat which requires the consumption of more feedstock.

The rice crisis appears to have caught the Arroyo administration by surprise, and is the past two weeks or so it has been patching, begging the small amount of rice to cushion the shock supply to the people. The administration is worried that the country might not have a sufficient supply of rice in the long months in the second half of the year.

But after finding solutions to the problems in the short term, the government has to draw up a comprehensive program to solve the country's perennial rice problem over the long term. The government should take note of the World Bank statement that local prices will remain high throughout this year and 2009 and will not return to the levels of early 2000 or later until 2015.

A comprehensive rice self-sufficiency program will have to include more land available to rice farmers. At the same time a national system will have to be followed in the conversion of agricultural land to other uses.

New irrigation networks have to be constructed all over the country to make possible the cultivation of rice even during the dry season. Water created and hybrid seeds have to be used to almost double the yield per hectare. More fertilizer, preferably organic, will have to be required to make the full benefit from hybrid seeds.

The program should also provide for the control of insects and other pests. It should also provide for incentives for food production, but, as has been suggested by former Agriculture Undersecretary Benjamin M. Odoñez, the government should establish a balance between farmer and consumer interests.

The Arroyo administration has been lucky this time. But unless it adopts an integrated, comprehensive long-term solution to the rice problem, it may have its first with social unrest in the near future.



Scorched-earth politics

"NO COUNTRY IN ASIA HAS TWO MORE DECADES than Australia politicians," says a new University of Minnesota-Madison study that assessed Philippine "cancer democracy" increasingly politicians.

Stunned by Mayor Habsch's defeat last term, the Arroyo administration has been in a "no-carryover" drive to keep power. But the opposition's "no-carryover" drive to oust the incumbent has been a failure.

Political science and history professor John Habsch, who has been a vocal critic of the Arroyo administration, says the Philippines is "in a state of political crisis."

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VIEWPOINT

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W. Visayas caves get protection from DENR

By Maureen K. Baquiran Jr.
Singapore Express

CELEST CITY—THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources later today steps to protect caves in Western Visayas' Cebu, Iloilo, Zamboanga and other islands.

Engr. Francisco, chief of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Division of the DENR in Western Visayas, said many of the caves in the region have been trampled and damaged by illegal excavation of limestone and limestone quarries.

The regional DENR has also sent the need to stop the illegal collection of wildlife in the caves, particularly bat colonies, are listed.

Francisco said the need to have more caves, calling on nongovernment organizations and local governments to help.

There are about 1,500 caves in the country, 58 percent of which are in Luzon, 37 percent in Mindanao and 24 percent in Visayas and Palawan islands in the Visayas, according to Francisco.

The DENR in Western Visayas has named and classified 20 caves last year as part of its efforts to protect these caves, according to Engr. Francisco, regional technical director of the Protected Areas, Wildlife and Coastal Zone Management Service.

The DENR, with the Western Visayas Carving Association, the National Museum of the Philippines and local governments



MEMBERS of a cave assessment team, with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, inspect the Bat Cave on Boracay Island.

will, classified the 20 caves according to standards set by Republic Act 8672, or the National Green and Green Management Act, and the Code of the Philippine in Boracay Island in Manila.

Four of the 20 caves belong to Class I, which have fragile geological formations and rich threatened species. Activities in these caves are limited to mapping, photography, education and scientific purposes.

These include the Bat Cave, Iloilo and Magat Cave in Boracay, Cebu; the Iloilo Cave, Iloilo; and the Iloilo Cave, Iloilo.

Other caves were categorized as Class II. There are caves, which are located in and around the province of Iloilo, Cebu, Iloilo, and Iloilo.

Some portions of these caves are open to public use and are only open to a particular group of people.

The caves under this category include the Iloilo Cave in Boracay, Cebu; the Iloilo Cave, Iloilo; and the Iloilo Cave, Iloilo.

2 towns OK sharing of taxes from Magat Dam

By William Wang Jr.
Singapore Express

MANILA—OFFICIALS of the National Water Resources Institute (NWRI) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) have agreed to share the cost of the Magat Dam project.

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Church hits coal-fired plant bid

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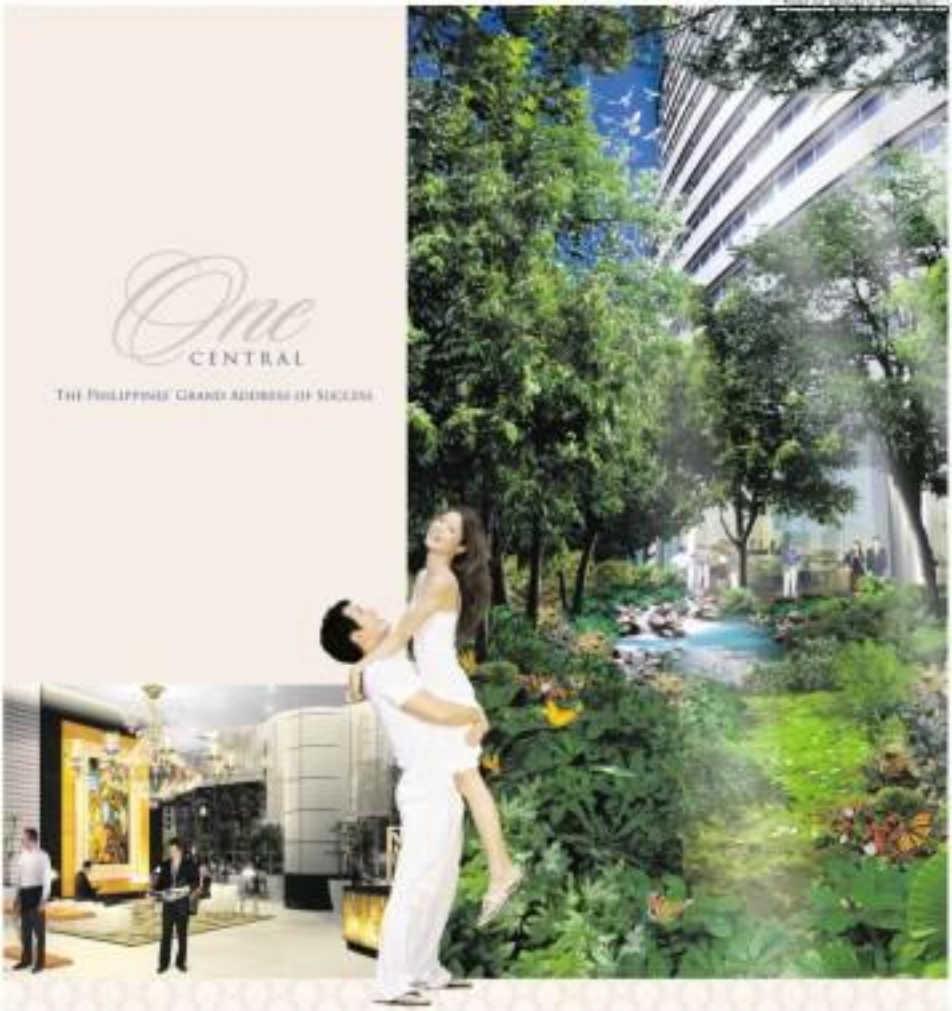
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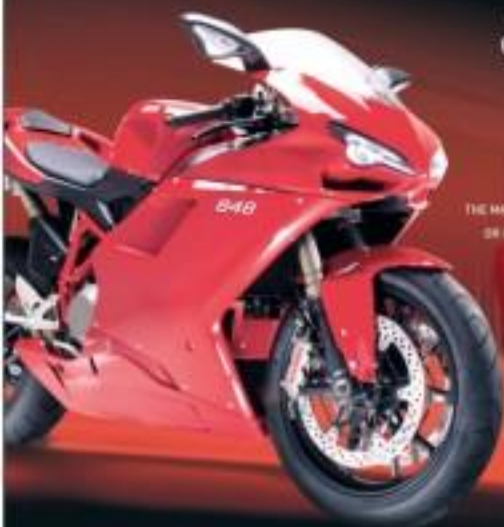
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■ **Sharapova**
clinches first
title on clay
(A23)



Super Immelman is the man

South African hangs on to win first major at Masters; Tiger 2nd

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA—Trevor Immelman survived a double-bogey at the 16th hole to become the first South African to win the US Masters in 30 years with a three-shot victory on Sunday.

Maneuvering his computer in swirling winds at Laguna National, the dapper 26-year-old got up and down from a grassy field in just 17 hours, putting the last nail in the solar car's coffin.

Two ahead of the field overnight, transman followed in the footsteps of his childhood hero Gary Player to secure the green jacket with a three-over-par 71, matching the highest closing score by a Major winner set by Arnold Palmer in 1962.

He also became the fifth white-to-win champion at Augusta, and the first since American Raymond Floyd in 1955, with an 18-under total of 260.

Proctor's 1 Tiger Woods, once whitening his teeth at the start of the week after winning nine times in his previous 11 tournaments worldwide, had to settle for second place after clashing with a 72.

His stroke off the pace going into the final round, Woods emerged to make headway in his bid for a 14th major title and the first haul of a laboratory grand slam.

"It was a tough day out there and I was just trying to be tough," a bruising tournament and after being pressured with his green jacket in his own's character.

THEY'VE been celebrating with a champagne's pop after finding his way out on the 10th hole.

Asterisks and Explanations: Indicate...

Stevens said he had gained a night's sleep from Power after Saturday's trial ended when the 72-year-old left him a telephone message (see story above right).

“I didn’t just yell all week,” the furious Martin explains. “You have bad weeks and you have good weeks, and this week was not one of my best.”

Player's prayer for Trevor

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—
 "I never knew him as the great
 leaper as he listened to a
 phone message left by Gary
 Payton, his childhood idol and
 the last South African to slip on
 a green jacket as the blizzard
 began to blow.

"It's almost an herbal tea," David says. "I played from my whole family on guitar, piano, drums. My father has been in the whole world, since the day when we played together, telling me to follow in my path."

Diaz sees great fight vs Manny

DAVID DRAZ DOES not mind being tagged the underdog when the details for *World's Finest* come all lightweight risk against super-brainiac weight-computer *Manly Pussies* on June 28 in Las Vegas.

All he's looking for is a good fight.

And the 31-year-old Mexican-American fighter believes he has a big chance of changing the Filipino tag super star at an underdog-champion world division in as many divisions.

In a recent interview with *WRESTLE* Quarterly, Peñafiel, 6'6, an admission that he wants to see Pussies as a stepping stone for many

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into shape by run-
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and jumping rope.

Asked about his
opinion on Pa-
cific's split de-
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Marquise, Disney said
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More so, after
watching the fight
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Achieving Major Milestones in the Motorcycle Industry

Honda Philippines, Inc. (HPI), the leading motorcycle manufacturer in the Philippines, once again established several historical milestones in its 35th year of operations in the country. These were achieved through the arduous efforts of the company's workforce that continuously embrace the "Challenging Spirit of Honda". No wonder Honda is the preferred motorcycle brand today with more than 70 percent share of the market.

Two Millionth Production Unit: A Giant Step Towards the Realization of a Healthy Motorcycle Culture

On April 8, 2008, HPI, led by Kazuhiko Iwase, President and General Manager, rolled off Honda's production line the 2 millionth Honda motorcycle. The ceremony was attended by the entire company workforce along with the Chairman of the Board, Ambassador Yorgens Servitores, as special guest. What makes this feat very significant is that, compared to the first million production unit that took HPI 22 years to reach, the second millionth unit was achieved in only three years and two months, Iwase said. "The motorcycle, due to its durability, practicality, and overall versatility, has become the preferred personal mode of transportation for millions of Filipinos." Truly, by being the brand of choice of many customers, Honda has successfully passed on to the Filipinos its passion – The Passion to Ride.

Honda Safety Driving Center Inauguration April 9, 2008



Honda Safety Driving Center: Our Thrust Towards Building a Community of Safe Road Users

Honda Safety Driving Center (HSDC) formally opened its doors to the public in a simple ceremony at its 23,890 square meter training facility along the East Service Road, South Luzon Expressway in Bicutan, Paranaque City. DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza and LTO Chief Alberto Buaning led the government, media and private sector representatives in formally declaring the facility open in accepting riders and drivers interested in learning motorcycle riding and automobile driving the right way.

Set up from a seed fund donated by the Asian Honda Motor Company of Thailand, HPI and Honda Cars Philippines, Inc. (HCP), HSDC is a non-profit foundation geared at promoting traffic safety education in response to a growing number of road accidents and fatalities.

The confluence of both HPI and HCP brings the best of both worlds to the table: the motorcycle and automobile. Through the joint efforts of these two companies under the Honda banner – particularly in setting the standards of operations, human resources, finance to communications – it is intended that the needs of both the motorcycle and automobile customer bases are fully satisfied.

The establishment of the center as a non-stock non-profit company is deeply rooted from the philosophy handed down by the company's founder, Soichiro Honda, who once declared, "Where there is no safety, there is no production." This philosophy emphasizes the importance of safety promotion and environment protection in all areas of Honda's business operations. It is the same philosophy that guides all Honda operations around the world – where Safety and Environment are learned priority. It is an apt reflection of how the company takes care of its customers.

In his speech during the inauguration, Iwase mentions the value of having the right safety mindset whenever a person chooses to drive at the road, whether it be on a motorcycle or automobile. "Our emphasis in this training facility is to cultivate the correct attitude, more than driving and riding skills." Based on statistics, there are three factors that cause traffic accidents in the Philippines: Human error, environment and hardware deficiency. "Even a vehicle with the most advanced safety technology – if not properly used – can still cause an accident. Therefore, hardware is not enough if the software is not established, thus the opening of the HSDC," Iwase stated.

Another fact is Honda's focus on quality two-wheelers. Through HSDC, Honda brings to the country renowned expertise in developing driver training programs for Two-Wheelers. It is HSDC's aim to assist corporate clients in driving up cost efficiency and profitability in the organization thru integration of driver training in the workplace.

The addition of the safety driving center is not just in numerous similar establishments thruout the country. Currently, Honda operates 32 traffic education centers in 15 countries around the world because of this dedication towards road safety.

2,000,000th Production Unit Line-Off Ceremony April 8, 2008



Environment Advocacy: Doing Our Share for a Cleaner Environment

Honda is at the forefront in environment protection. Just recently, it completed the equipping of all its out models: the XRM 125, Wave 125, Wave 100, Wave 100R and the new generation Street, to comply with Euro 2 emission standards that are much stricter than the Philippines' Clean Air Act Regulation requirements. With Honda models accounting for about 70 percent of the total retail sales in the out segment, there is a significant impact in terms of the reduction in emission coming from these motorcycles. In its operations, wastewater from its painting facility is recycled. Compared with the traditional Chemical Treatment Process, HPI utilizes Biological Treatment Process of its wastewater allowing it to reduce sludge by 40 percent.

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Localization

• Plastic Injection Operations



• Machining Operations



• Die Casting Operations

Belief in Filipino Craftsmanship: The Highest in Local Parts Content Ratio

Honda Philippines, Inc. has been pursuing intensive localization by continuing Japanese Technology with Filipino craftsmanship. Theed this end, Honda has invested an additional P1.3 billion for its in-house Plastic Injection, In-House Die Casting and In-House Machining of Engine Parts operations. By having all these expansions, the company is now the sole motorcycle manufacturer with the highest local content in out models currently at 40% and which will eventually go up to 51% by March 2009.

The high local parts content augurs well for many customers, as Honda will be able to maintain its affordable high quality motorcycles given any economic situation. More affordable Honda motorcycles mean more satisfied customers. Likewise, the new facilities provide more employment opportunities while contributing significantly to the economy and society.

By providing to customers the kind of service that goes beyond the production line, the company continuously transforms itself into a socially dedicated organization that aims to create a healthy motorcycle culture in the country. All of these efforts from Honda Philippines are in pursuit of its goal of becoming "a company that society wants to exist."

Business

Rice stock dwindled to 1.68M MT in March

By Amy B. Remo

RUE TO INCREASED STOCK WITHDRAWALS, the country's total rice stock inventory as of Mar. 1, 2008 dwindled to 1.68 million metric tons, slipping by 8.3 percent from the previous month's level of 1.83 million MT.

The current stock is enough to last for 52 days, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics.

But in its report, the BAS also said that the March 1 inventory was still 5.7 percent higher than the year-ago level of 1.59 million MT.

Agri officials say supply enough to last for 52 days

The BAS estimated that households accounted for 59 percent of the stock, commercial warehouses accounted for 24 percent, while 17 percent could be found in National Food Authority depots.

Estimates showed that, compared to the Feb. 1 inventory, rice stock in households were lower by 12.5 percent to 950,860 MT from last year's 1.13 million MT, while those in commercial warehouses declined by 7 per-

cent to 481,708 MT from 512,200 MT. Meanwhile, the stock stored in NFA depots, at which 90 percent are imported, rose by 6.4 percent to 245,790 MT from the previous month's 230,590 MT.

Compared to last year, however, stock holdings in commercial warehouses were up by 25.3 percent. In NFA depots, the stock also rose by 4.2 percent.

In contrast, household stock was

slightly lower by 8.2 percent.

As for corn, BAS said the Mar. 1 corn stock inventory slipped by 7.3 percent to 382,980 MT from the previous month's level of 412,280 MT.

This level, which was also 24.7 percent lower than the year-ago level of 504,280 MT, includes corn stock held by commercial farmers and poultry producers, as well as corn stored in animal feedlots.

Of the current stock, households ac-

counted for about 38.5 percent, while that of commercial warehouses was 41.4 percent.

The BAS reported an even grain stock for the period.

Compared to the previous month's level of 350,800 MT, household stock as of Mar. 1 was higher by 1.5 percent. Current stocks in commercial warehouses were, however, lower by 19.3 percent from the previous month's 43,480 MT.

Both household and commercial stocks were lower by 1.1 percent and 28.6 percent respectively compared to year-ago levels.

With P5B on tap, agri credit crunch expected to ease

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS teamed up with a federation of cooperative banks and a joint-lender party-to group to ease the rural credit crunch and give farmers access to some P5 billion in loans.

In a memorandum of understanding, the DA under Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap, the Cooperative Banks Federation of the Philippines represented by Liberalism Quinsaga, and the Lender Parties Party that led by Rep. Isarda Chaves, have agreed to open small agricultural financing to the countryside by tapping coop banks as a source of loans for small farmers and fishers.

"The cooperative banking sector has remained a steadfast player in rural financing, with a major portion of its loan portfolio lent to the agricultural sector, particularly to small farmers," Yap said.

He added that there is still a need to further harness this resource of rural access to make more funds available to small farm and fisheries undertakings.

Under the agreement, the DA will provide a P5-billion financing facility in the cooperative banking sector which, in turn, will commit to extend P3 billion in loans to rural farmers.

Still, for its part, the DA will actively intervene that will boost accessibility and availability of funds to small farmers and fishers, particularly through the Cooperative Bank Agri-Lending Program.

The pact was signed after the National Food Summit was held at Clark Freeport in Pampanga, where President Manlapaz A. Arroyo committed her P4.7 billion package of intervention programs to sustain Philippine agriculture.

Debutted as Fields, the new initiative will cover the areas in which Malacanan will address a total of P4.7 billion—five billion for infrastructure and technology, and

one billion for extension work, loans, crops and other post-harvest facilities, and seeds.

Amy B. Remo

RP cites urgent need to hold Asean summit

THE PHILIPPINES IS CALLING TO HOST the proposed Asean summit on business and industries addressing rice prices and production, Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said.

In an interview, Yap said hopefully the summit would be held within a month or two.

The agriculture chief last week called on the international community to start focusing on solutions to reduce rice being described as a worldwide "top crisis," as global prices are not expected to ease within the next few years.

The proposed summit, he said, should discuss development and strengthening capacity and focus on increased collaboration to deal with the problems facing rice production and the need to increase food aid to the sector.

According to Yap, an agriculture undersecretary is already arranging the meeting, where they hope to invite members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as well as the Asian + 3, referring to China, Japan and Korea.

Agriculture officials also hope to invite India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and could potentially be a source of rice import.

There are currently no outlook for rice exports for the year.

"We'll be in a position to explain on how we need to get the world a rice crop, or a portion of rough rice production for 2008 and 2009," he explained.

"We hope to tackle how the more prosperous countries in Asia can help to increase rice production." Amy B. Remo

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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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CONCEPTS SUDOKU

By Dan Goss

Concepts Sudoku

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CHARICE on "Oprah" last Christmas, left. At right, with mom Raquel, who says Oprah Winfrey gave the girl "shopping money."

Next for Charice: debut CD and 'Oprah'

From page B1

English model? She doesn't why he looked like a video. "This was another clip that at a wedding, someone at 'America's Got Talent' was singing about who looks like someone singing video music." Said video proved the way for all recording upshots were mostly seen by people around the globe 24/7.

The photojournalist response has paid off as a don't but mostly increasing ones. "Lately my TV appearances on Charice's website, for me, is a realizing thing," says Raquel says. "My Oprah magazine got a shopping money."

The guest star who had Oprah especially happened on the recommendation of David Kovic, the music industry advisor who has produced albums for the likes of Justin Guarini, Diddy Dee, Moby Gray and Justin Guarini.

Charice laughs, saying these took her by the hand and introduced her to my new stage in the interview press where they intended a high-profile show his album.

After mom

It's been a long, strange trip for a teenager who remembers being very shy as a young girl. "My memory for my early days is Charice, princess, Mom Raquel, 33, confiding with a sister in a school called her in, and later, Charice would sing along during gigs in Taguig and Laguna where the Pempin-on live."

"Singing really was singing at night, singing for me," Raquel says.

She used to make both ends meet as a single mom, working as a quality control supervisor in a garment factory in the day and singing at night. "I had no money, also, singing, so everything was hard."

She one day she was surprised to have her daughters, who were then 6 years old, telling a tale on the lambo. She would go on and teach the budding singer a few techniques she learned from parents.

34th year but mom is "the real singer" in the family, and she who's "talk just a little."



When Raquel signed to quit working and devote her time to raising her growing children, she got another surprise: Charice told her she would start singing lessons to help the family survive.

One weak moment

Since then, Charice has become a 'Tina Turner' singing lesson. "I was over my head. She has joined me. It was amazing, really to learn to sing around the country, winning most of the time. The only time she 'lost,' she says, was when she played around at school."

The only time she felt like giving up was when she got eliminated in the early stages of the MTV singing clip "Tells the story," but she was so good, she was picked as a solo act to secure the competition, and made it to final place. "No matter how hard other musicians go, you can win, why not let other musicians go?" Charice says laughing.

Expect one the next time of winning Charice that she had, she says, was an act just to be the content of what her daughter is singing at. "I told Charice that I was having fun singing all the music. 'How do you like making music?' she said. Before seeing profiles, she said: 'Maybe it's not entirely a job, it's more like a hobby, a hobby that will be better to the next time. She says smiling a lady club."

ROUNDUP

Lavell says Heath Ledger used cocaine

LOS ANGELES — A 1994 MTV interview about two prominent and the photo-ography allegedly responsible for the video of Heath Ledger at a West Hollywood hotel room says the late actor was using cocaine that night.

The woman was not named in the filing Friday. The suit says she was a female magazine's London reporter covering a 1994 MTV's Golden Globe Awards ceremony in 2006, when two separate hotel suites in her hotel room, gave her cocaine and secretly filmed her.

The lawsuit names Splash News, managing partner Tony Morgan, and publisher: Frank and Dennis Davis. The claims against Davis include fraud, negligence, and conspiracy.

The 26-year-old Ledger died Jan. 22 in his Manhattan apartment from taking an 18-page prescription and sedatives. **A-1**



HEATH Ledger

Favorite New Artist

Multi-talented star Sam Corcoran recently tagged the 2005 MTV Music Awards to receive her new title. The 15-year-old singer is the youngest recipient of the award in date, and a winning artist with a majority of MTV viewers' votes in said category.

"I am very happy to receive this award. I know I have to work harder [now]. Thanks to the Beatles (his band), for their love and resources," said Sam.

Going from his school to his album release to enjoy much recognition in MTV's daily countdown. He even earned a strong boost in his career as a Singer from Magic 102.7.

His current role as Oprah's spokesperson for the youth, Sam has just finished making more 40 schools nationwide, inspiring young people to read in school.

He is also the primary spokesperson for the "Be a Hero" campaign, promoting cyber-safety among young Internet users.

Sam's latest single from his album, "I'm Not That Good," is still playing on MTV.



Sam Corcoran

AT THE CINEMAS

Movie goers looking for something new to watch this week should check out the following list of new movies and showtimes. For more information, visit www.film.com.

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GREENBELT 1	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
GREENBELT 3	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
BLARNEY TOWN CENTER	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
MALL CENTRAL CITY	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
MALL 11 MALL 11	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
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AVILA CENTER	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
MARKET SQUARE	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
CRISTOFORO	ANYTIME	WEDS ISLAND	DOORWAY	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
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